

Minutes - Rangitāiki Community Board 14 July 2021

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	RANGITĀIKI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE MATATĀ FIRE STATION, 37 HEALE STREET, MATATĀ ON WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.34 PM
	Present:	Board Members K M Byrne (Chairperson), L Waaka, G E Bourk, A M Clark, E Harvey and Councillor Dennis
	In Attendance:	N Woodley (Manager Policy, Planning and Consents Compliance), C Butt (Manager Governance Services) and S M French (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	J McLean, H Dobbin, K Turpin, S Rowe and Senior Sergeant T Murray (NZ Police) plus members of public for the presentation
	Apologies:	

Councillor Dennis advised the meeting of the various ‘safety and housekeeping rules’.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE KARAKIA AT 5:34 pm.

Elected Members and Council staff introduced themselves to the visitors attending the meeting.

1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Member Harvey declared an interest in item 10.2.4 of the agenda, Edgecumbe Women’s Institute funding application.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Refer to page 5 of the agenda.

2.1 Paroa Rugby and Sports Club - James McLean

Chairman of the Paroa Rugby and Sports Club, Mr McLean thanked the Board for the opportunity to present and explained the club was for the community, including the schools, three Kōhanga Reo and four Marae in the area.

The club was established in 1921 and hence the centennial celebrations would be held this year. Mr McLean said the club had fundraised and received sponsorship from family trusts but finances were challenging. Preparations for the event were going well however, the clubrooms also needed an overhaul to ensure whānau and visitors had a great experience during the weekend celebrations. Coinciding with the centennial event, it was planned to open a new facility on the Paroa grounds and the club had received grants for this project but costs for the building consents had been overlooked.

Attendance: Mr McLean left the meeting at 5:46 pm.

2.2 Manawahe Eco Trust – Helen Dobbin

Refer also to tabled item 5a.

The Manawahe Eco Trust was responsible for the ecological corridor from Matatā to Lake Rotomā and Ms Dobbin, the current Environmental Educator, spoke about how the concept of the education programme was to inspire youth to make a difference to the environment.

Ms Dobbin said the education programme was varied and gave the following example activities; food planting and growing, construction of weta housing, outdoor showers and the setting and care of trap lines. She said the programme had been well received by students and the community.

When asked about costs, Ms Dobbin said the Trust wanted to keep the cost per student low and acknowledged the funding pressure on schools in relation to the \$150 school donation scheme.

Mihi was given to the Trust and the work they shared with the rangatahi.

Attendance: Ms Dobbin left the meeting at 5:54 pm.

2.3 Edgcumbe Women's Institute – Kaye Turpin and Sue Rowe

The Edgcumbe Women's Institute, a not for profit group, had identified the need for a seat in the shade at the well-utilised playground at Riverslea Park and Ms Rowe explained although they had fundraised and received donations from other organisations, there was still a shortfall.

Treasurer of the Institute, Ms Rowe, spoke about the activities the group were involved in and explained that the age range of their membership did limit fundraising events.

There was a question regarding the actual project costs as it was believed the Council would be installing the seat. Confirmation would be sought from the Council, which could then impact the shortfall amount, if any.

2.4 NZ Police – Senior Sergeant T Murray

With additional public in attendance, SS Murray introduced himself, his role and the area he covered.

SS Murray reported there had been no major incidents in the Rangitāiki area recently and advised that the Police were following strong leads resulting from a burglary episode. He relayed the end-of-year crime statistics for the region's Townships and advised that since a number of youth had been apprehended relating to car offences, house related incidents in Edgcumbe had also reduced. He suggested it would be beneficial to post on social media recommending residents in Kawerau to also be vigilant.

Progress was on track for the Te Teko Police Station to reopen in 2021 and in conclusion, SS Murray said there had been a good turnout at the Edgcumbe neighbourhood support meeting and suggested it would also be a good initiative for Matatā.

Attendance: SS T Murray, Ms Rowe and Ms Turpin left the meeting at 6:10 pm.

3 Presentation – Representation Review Update

Refer to page 5 of the agenda and pages 5b-e of the tabled items.

Manager Governance Services spoke to her PowerPoint Presentation about the 2021 Representation review and the following points were noted:

- The process, timeline and actions to date were restated and a recap included what was involved in a representation review and the key principles followed.
- Population data from June 2020 had been applied when calculating fair representation numbers per Elected Member.
- The preferred option was for 10 Councillors; 7 general councillors elected from 3 general wards and 3 Māori councillors elected from 3 Māori wards.

- The 3 general wards would include Whakatāne-Ōhope with 4 Councillors, Rangitāiki with 2 and a Southern ward with 1 Councillor. The 3 Māori wards would each have one Councillor.
- The option was for the four Community Boards to be retained, with consistent membership; 6 Members and 1 Councillor.
- An overview was given regarding who could stand and who could vote.
- A timeline detailed the next steps, noting the following Council meetings:
 - 17 August 2021 to decide the initial proposal
 - 11 November 2021 to decide the final proposal.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to pages 6-11 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Rangitāiki Community Board meeting for Wednesday, 26 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Member Bourk/Member Clark

CARRIED

5 REPORTS

5.1 Rangitāiki Community Board – June 2021 Activity Report

Refer to pages 12-22 of the agenda.

Regarding the 3 waters reform, the following information was requested; value of the water assets and the amount owed against those assets.

Engagement with the Te Teko community needed to occur in order to ascertain their feedback regarding CCTV cameras.

Disappointment was expressed at the seal repair resulting from the Bridge Street water main work. If confirmed this was carried out by Waka Kotahi, it was proposed the Board send a letter requesting a rework to ensure a better road sealing.

The Council was congratulated for taking over the consent of the Otumahi private bore, to enable residents to continue to reticulate farmland.

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Rangitāiki Community Board – June 2021 Activity Report be received; and
2. **THAT** the CCTV camera subcommittee action the following points to further progress the camera requests:
 - Liaise with NZ Police regarding a new camera installation in Edgecumbe that is independent to the Council.
 - Liaise with the Te Teko Residents Association to identify actions, and carry out those actions, to gain feedback from Te Teko residents regarding potential CCTV cameras in the Township and to then provide that feedback to the Board and to the Whakatāne Area Community Safety Group.

Chairperson Byrne/Member Harvey

CARRIED

5.2 Funding Applications to RCB – July 2021

Refer to pages 23-81 of the agenda.

It was noted the Board rarely received applications for funding from the Paroa area and that the centennial celebrations were to be held both at their Paroa clubrooms and at an off-site location. Although project costs were detailed, it was noted the club's audited accounts/balance sheet was not included. It was then suggested a guide sheet to accompany an application be developed.

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Funding Applications to RCB – July 2021 report be received; and
2. **THAT** \$1500.00 be allocated from the Rangitāiki Community Board Discretionary Fund to Paroa Rugby and Sports Club to assist with costs to run their Centennial Celebrations from 22-23 October 2021.

Councillor Dennis/Member Clark

CARRIED

An apology for absence from Awakaponga Community Hall Chairperson Ms Murphy was read to the meeting. It was noted that she had previously spoken to the Board regarding their funding application.

A MOTION WAS PROPOSED BY: BOARD MEMBER HARVEY

SECONDED BY: BOARD MEMBER BOURK

THAT \$2000.00 be allocated from the Rangitāiki Community Board Discretionary Fund to the Awakaponga Public Hall Board to replace the louver windows and double glaze all windows in the Main Hall.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

A MOTION WAS PROPOSED BY: BOARD MEMBER CLARK

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR DENNIS

THAT \$3500.00 be allocated from the Rangitāiki Community Board Discretionary Fund to the Awakaponga Public Hall Board to replace the louver windows and double glaze all windows in the Main Hall.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Members Harvey and Bourke requested their vote against the motion be recorded.

RESOLVED:

THAT \$1000.00 be allocated from the Rangitāiki Community Board Discretionary Fund to the Manawahe Eco Trust towards the operational costs to maintain their environmental education programme.

Member Harvey/Member Bourk

CARRIED

Attendance: Member Harvey left the table at 6:55 pm.

RESOLVED:

THAT, subject to confirmation from the Council on the project costings, the Rangitāiki Community Board allocate up to a maximum of \$770.00 from their Discretionary Fund to cover any confirmed monetary shortfall towards a park bench seat at Riverslea Park, Edgecumbe.

Chairperson Byrne/Member Bourk

CARRIED

Attendance: Member Harvey returned to the table at 7:02 pm.

6 CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER REPORTS

6.1 Chairperson Report – July 2021

Refer to pages 82-85 of the agenda.

The following appreciation was expressed:

- Matatā Fire Brigade conveyed their thanks for volunteer vouchers received from the Board.
- Council staff were acknowledged for the prompt removal of graffiti at the Skate Park.

A discussion ensued regarding Volunteer Week 2022. It was suggested, and then dismissed, that identified groups could alternate as recipients of the vouchers.

Attendance: Member Waaka left the meeting at 7:14 pm.

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the RCB Chairperson Report – July 2021 be received; and
2. **THAT** \$2000.00 be allocated, and reserved, from the Board’s discretionary funds budget to ensure funding is available for the 2022 National Volunteer week for the Board to acknowledge volunteers in the Rangitāiki district.

Member Bourk/Member Clark

CARRIED

Attendance: Member Waaka re-entered the meeting at 7:18 pm.

6.2 RCB Ward Councillor Report – July 2021

Refer to pages 86-88 of the agenda.

Attendance: Member Waaka left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

RESOLVED:

THAT the RCB Ward Councillor Report – July 2021 be received.

Councillor Dennis/Member Clark

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA at 7.23 PM.

Confirmed this	day of
CHAIRPERSON	

Addendum:

The following apology emails had been sent to the Governance Support Advisor prior to the meeting start but due to travel time could not be read until after the meeting close:

- Member Ngaropo
- Youth Council representative J Bell